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WASHINGTON, June 8, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 3 totaled 317,992, up 3.8 percent from the comparable week of 1988, but 8.4 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Both the 1989 and 1988 weeks included the Memorial Day holiday. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 4.7 percent in the East, and 2.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 12,372 cars (11.6 percent), and loadings of metallic ores rose 5,320 cars (28.6 percent). Grain loadings were down 2,663 cars (9.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 22 weeks of 1989 totaled 7,400,875, up 0.7 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 98,040 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 3, down 4.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of 1989 was 2,455,404 trailers and/or containers, up 1.1 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 3 totaled 17.9 billion, 3.5 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 425.7 billion ton-miles, up 1.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 3, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 3, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,207	26,870	-9.9 %	26,479	-8.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,935	2,008	-3.6	1,569	23.3
Metallic Ores	23,903	18,583	28.6	23,355	2.3
Coal	118,888	106,516	11.6	124,635	-4.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,842	15,237	-2.6	16,802	-11.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,120	9,716	-6.1	11,667	-21.8
Grain Mill Products	8,479	9,234	-8.2	10,039	-15.5
Food & Kindred Products	7,805	7,929	-1.6	8,776	-11.1
Primary Forest Products	8,271	8,475	-2.4	9,645	-14.2
Lumber & Wood Products	6,133	6,599	-7.1	7,171	-14.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,826	11,311	-4.3	10,349	4.6
Chemicals	23,839	23,004	3.6	26,851	-11.2
Petroleum Products	4,720	4,582	3.0	5,508	-14.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,649	9,501	1.6	11,015	-12.4
Coke	5,535	5,425	2.0	5,375	3.0
Metals & Products	9,271	10,081	-8.0	9,935	-6.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,709	17,749	-5.9	20,484	-18.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	7,542	7,692	-2.0	9,433	-20.0
All Other Carloads	6,318	5,894	7.2	7,996	-21.0
Total	317,992	306,406	3.8 %	347,084	-8.4 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING JUNE 3, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 22 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 3, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	317,992	306,406	3.8 %	7,400,875	7,352,222	.7 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	57,593	60,347	-4.6	1,430,073	1,472,758	-2.9
Containers	40,447	41,834	-3.3	1,025,331	955,730	7.3
Total	98,040	102,181	-4.1	2,455,404	2,428,488	1.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	17.9	17.3	3.5 %	425.7	420.4	1.3 %

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